

associate pastor at St. Leander's and Our Lady of Guadalupe Churches in Pueblo. For 12 years he was the pastor of Our Lady of the Meadows Church in Pueblo; during that time he also served as the dean of the Pueblo Deanery of the Diocese of Pueblo.

In 2003 he was appointed rector of the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Diocese of Pueblo.

In addition to his parish life in Alamosa and Pueblo, he was a leader with the Southwest Liturgical Conference, the National Association of Clinical Pastoral Ministers, the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions, the National Catholic AIDS Network, and the Southern Colorado AIDS Project.

In 1993 he completed his sabbatical in clinical pastoral ministry at Immanuel Medical Center in his hometown of Omaha. Later, he served as Bishop Tafoya's community liaison for AIDS Ministry; as president of the Sangre De Cristo Hospice Board; and was a board member of St. Mary Corwin Medical Center since 2000.

He died on July 23, 2005, at the age of 59. The Reverend Roger Patrick Dorcy was a monk, a priest, a teacher, an actor, an architect, a healer, a leader; his vocation was dedicated to the healing of bodies and souls. On April 22, 2006, the communities of Pueblo and Colorado celebrated his legacy by naming St. Mary Corwin Medical Center's newly constructed, state-of-the-art cancer center, The Reverend Roger Patrick Dorcy Cancer Center.●

HONORING MANA DE SAN DIEGO

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a wonderful organization in my home State of California, MANA de San Diego, as it celebrates its 20th anniversary.

MANA de San Diego is one of 20 regional chapters throughout the United States operating under the auspices of the MANA National Latina Organization. MANA, short for *hermana*, or sister in Spanish, was founded in 1974 by Mexican-American women and was later expanded to include Latinas of all descent. Today, it serves as the single largest organization of Latinas in the United States. MANA provides an important voice for women at local, State, and national levels.

The San Diego Chapter of MANA, founded in 1986, has played an important role in the civic development of San Diego's large Latina community. In 2000, Latinas made up 12.5 percent of San Diego's population of more than 2.8 million. MANA de San Diego encourages its members to actively participate on boards, commissions, and with civic and educational organizations in order to improve the quality of life for all San Diegans. Each year, MANA de San Diego recognizes local women in the law, education, government, and education at a "Brindis" or toast event. The "Brindis" not only helps to raise money for the scholar-

ship program but brings together successful women and students.

Through a variety of programs, such as the mentorship program "Hermanitas," MANA de San Diego empowers Latinas and encourages educational pursuits. The program exposes young women to arts and culture, higher education opportunities, careers, and leadership opportunities they might not otherwise experience. Hermanitas participants tour major universities in San Diego to help them visualize where they can attend school. Since 1991, MANA de San Diego has given more than \$140,000 in scholarships to Latinas. This is particularly important given that Latinas drop out of high school at a higher rate than any other group in the United States. In addition, MANA de San Diego promotes increased awareness of Latina health issues through its Annual Women's Health Fair.

Recently, MANA de San Diego partnered with Girl Scouts San Diego-Imperial Council to create the Cesar Chavez Community Service patch. The purpose was to create a patch to honor and encourage Girl Scouts to learn about Cesar Chavez. Girl Scouts throughout the Nation will be able to earn a new patch in recognition of outstanding community service. The students in the Hermanitas program worked closely with their mentors and the council to design this patch. Together, they created the rules to award the patch.

Organizations such as MANA should be recognized for the critical role they play in strengthening the Latina community in California and the United States. I salute the women of MANA de San Diego for their passionate commitment to the advancement of Latinas and tireless efforts to improve the broader San Diego Community. I wish the organization great success in the future.●

HOGAN'S HARDWARE

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I rise to recognize Hogan's Hardware of Kadoka, SD. Hogan's Hardware has enjoyed a long and rich history in my home State.

In April of 1946, Marvis and Florence Hogan opened Hogan's Hardware for business in Kadoka. Now some 60 years later Florence, her son Baxter, daughter Randi, and her son-in-law Don are keeping the business going strong. Small businesses are the back bone of the great State of South Dakota, and I commend the Hogan's for their contributions to their community and the State.

It gives me great pleasure to rise with the town of Kadoka in congratulating Hogan's Hardware and the Hogan family for their 60 years of service.●

PARKER, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I rise to recognize the town of Parker,

SD. Parker was recently named the 2006 Small Community of the Year in my home State.

Each town and city in South Dakota may submit an application to be considered for this prestigious honor by our Governor and the Office of Economic Development. The citizens of Parker have seen rapid economic growth in their community, with over 10 businesses opening their doors in 2005. Clearly, the efforts of the Parker Development Corporation have been successful for both the past and present growth of the town. Small businesses are the backbone of the great State of South Dakota, and I commend the citizens of Parker for their contributions to their community and the State.

It gives me great pleasure to rise in congratulating the town of Parker for being recognized as South Dakota's 2006 Small Community of the Year.●

VOLUNTARISM

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, I rise today to acknowledge the volunteers of St. Francis Medical Center and St. Francis North Hospital in Monroe, LA. Beginning April 23 and ending April 29, this great organization will observe National Volunteer Week. Today, I would like to spend a few moments highlighting the importance of their efforts.

Sponsored by the Points of Light Foundation and Volunteer Center National Network, National Volunteer Week began in 1974. President Richard Nixon signed an executive Order establishing an annual celebration of volunteering. Every President since then has signed a proclamation promoting and recognizing National Volunteer Week during the third week of April. The theme for this year, "Inspire by Example," reflects the opportunity volunteers have to bring joy and hope to the people they serve, as well as to inspire others to serve.

National Volunteer Week allows volunteer centers, nonprofits, hospitals, faith-based organizations, and schools to recognize their own volunteers and support thousands of service projects in the community. This week, America has the pleasure of celebrating more than 64 million volunteers who use their time and talent daily to make a real difference in the lives of the children, adults, and elderly whom they serve.

I applaud the volunteers of St. Francis Medical Center and St. Francis North Hospital in Monroe for their continued service to the citizens of their community. Their hard work and dedication is something we all appreciate and celebrate as we recognize National Volunteer Week.●

BICENTENNIAL OF ST. CHARLES PARISH

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, I rise today to acknowledge the bicentennial of St. Charles Parish. As one of the